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In a culturally complex world, librarians can best work toward the equalization of library services if they understand their institutions in the light of cultural history. The six essays in this book highlight problems that affect unempowered populations, and address a variety of cultural problems and biases--problems that contribute to the victimization of women and children, as well as non-English speaking and non-Caucasian groups. Chapters are: (1) "Libraries and Liberation: A Feminist View" (Sandra Lee Bolton); (2) "The Social Responsibilities of Librarians Toward Literacy Education" (Jean Ellen Coleman); (3) "Social Responsibility: A Bilingual/Multicultural Perspective" (Alfredo H. Benavides); (4) "Collection Access Through Subject Headings" (Doris Hargrett Clack); (5) "Equality and Ambiguity in Library Service to Children" (Donnarae MacCann); and (6) "Libraries for Immigrants and Minorities: A Study in Contrasts" (Donnarae MacCann). A bibliography listing 95 recommended sources is appended. (BEW)

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